

In the Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 41, wherein managing the graphics resource comprises:
 - determining if the graphics resource is available; and
 - paging current data associated with the graphics resource to a backing store if the graphics resource is not available.
3. (Original) The computerized method of claim 2, wherein the current data to page is determining using paging criteria.
4. (Original) The computerized method of claim 3, wherein the paging criteria is selected from the group consisting of a type of graphics resource, a priority, and a paging algorithm.
5. (Original) The computerized method of claim 4, wherein the paging algorithm is based on usage of the graphics resource.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 41 further comprising:
 - recording, by the graphics kernel, information about the graphics resource in an entry in a virtualization map for use in allocating and managing graphics resources.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 942, wherein managing the graphics resource comprises:
 - determining if the graphics resource is available; and

paging current data associated with the graphics resource to a backing store if the graphics resource is not available.

11. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the current data to page is determined using paging criteria.

12. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the paging criteria is selected from the group consisting of a type of graphics resource, a priority, and a paging algorithm.

13. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the paging algorithm is based on usage of the graphics resource.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 9 42, wherein the method further comprises:

recording, by the graphics kernel, information about the graphics resource in an entry in a virtualization map for use in allocating and managing graphics resources.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The processing system of claim 17 43, wherein the kernel driver, when managing the graphics resource, further causes the graphics processor to determine if the graphics resource is available, and page current data associated with the graphics resource to a backing store if the graphics resource is not available.

19. (Original) The processing system of claim 18, wherein the current data to page is determined using paging criteria.

20. (Original) The processing system of claim 19, wherein the paging criteria is selected from the group consisting of a type of graphics resource, a priority, and a paging algorithm.

21. (Original) The processing system of claim 20, wherein the paging algorithm is based on usage of the graphics resource.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The processing system of claim ~~17~~ 43, wherein the kernel driver further causes the graphics processor to record information about the graphics resource in an entry in a virtualization map for use in allocating and managing graphics resources.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The graphics system of claim ~~25~~ 44, wherein the kernel driver, when managing the graphics resource, further causes the graphics processor to determine if the graphics resource is available, and page current data associated with the graphics resource to a backing store if the graphics resource is not available.

27. (Original) The graphics system of claim 26, wherein the current data to page is determining using paging criteria.

28. (Original) The graphics system of claim 27, wherein the paging criteria is selected from the group consisting of a type of graphics resource, a priority, and a paging algorithm.

29. (Original) The graphics system of claim 28, wherein the paging algorithm is based on usage of the graphics resource.

30-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The graphics system of claim 25 44, wherein the kernel driver further causes the graphics processor to record information about the graphics resource in an entry in a virtualization map for use in allocating and managing graphics resources.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 33 45, wherein the means for managing the graphics resource comprises:

means for determining if the graphics resource is available; and
means for paging current data associated with the graphics resource to a backing store if the graphics resource is not available.

35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the means for allocating the graphics resource further comprises:

means for determining the current data to page using paging criteria.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the paging criteria is selected from the group consisting of a type of graphics resource, a priority, and a paging algorithm.

37. (Original) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the paging algorithm is based on usage of the graphics resource.

38-39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) The apparatus of claim 33 further comprising:
means for recording, by the graphics kernel, information about the graphics resource in an entry in a virtualization map for use by the means for allocating and the means for managing the graphics resource.

41. (Previously Presented) A computerized method of virtualizing graphics resources comprising:
receiving, by a graphics kernel, an allocation request for a graphics resource from a graphics client;
allocating, by the graphics kernel, the graphics resource to the graphics client;
returning, by the graphics kernel, an address for the graphics resource to the graphics client;
receiving, by the graphics kernel, a command from the graphics client specifying the address;
managing, by the graphics kernel, the graphics resource by detecting a conflict if the graphics resource has been reused; and
resolving, by the graphics kernel, the conflict by inserting a reference to a graphics hardware semaphore before the command, paging the current data associated with the graphics resource to the backing store, paging data for the graphics client from the backing store into the graphics resource, and clearing the graphics hardware semaphore.

42. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a processing system to perform a method comprising:
receiving, by a graphics kernel, an allocation request for a graphics resource from a graphics client;
allocating, by the graphics kernel, the graphics resource to the graphics client;
returning, by the graphics kernel, an address for the graphics resource to the graphics client;
receiving, by the graphics kernel, a command from the graphics client specifying the address;

managing, by the graphics kernel, the graphics resource by detecting a conflict if the graphics resource has been reused; and

resolving, by the graphics kernel, the conflict by inserting a reference to a graphics hardware semaphore before the command, paging the current data associated with the graphics resource to the backing store, paging data for the graphics client from the backing store into the graphics resource, and clearing the graphics hardware semaphore.

43. (Previously Presented) A processing system comprising:

a processor coupled to a memory through a bus;

a graphics processor coupled to the processor through the bus and associated with graphics resources; and

a kernel driver executed by the graphics processor to cause the graphics processor

to

receive an allocation request for a graphics resource from a graphics

client,

allocate the graphics resource to the graphics client,

return an address for the graphics resource to the graphics client,

receive a command from the graphics client specifying the address,

detect a conflict if the graphics resource has been reused, and

insert a reference to the graphics hardware semaphore before the

command, page the current data associated with the graphics resource

to the backing store, page data for the graphics client from the backing

store into the graphics resource, and clear the graphics hardware

semaphore to resolve the conflict.

44. (Previously Presented) A graphics system comprising:

a graphics processor associated with graphics resources; and

a kernel driver executed by the graphics processor to cause the graphics processor

to

receive an allocation request for a graphics resource from a graphics client,
allocate the graphics resource to the graphics client,
return an address for the graphics resource to the graphics client,
receive a command from the graphics client specifying the address,
detect a conflict if the graphics resource has been reused, and
insert a reference to the graphics hardware semaphore before the
command, page the current data associated with the graphics resource
to the backing store, page data for the graphics client from the backing
store into the graphics resource, and clear the graphics hardware
semaphore to resolve the conflict.

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for virtualizing graphics resources comprising:
means for receiving, by a graphics kernel, an allocation request for a graphics resource from a graphics client;
means for allocating, by the graphics kernel, the graphics resource to the graphics client;
means for returning, by the graphics kernel, an address for the graphics resource to the graphics client;
means for receiving, by the graphics kernel, a command from the graphics client specifying the address;
means for detecting a conflict if the graphics resource has been reused; and
means for inserting a reference to a graphics hardware semaphore before the command;
means for paging the current data associated with the graphics resource to the backing store;
means for paging data for the graphics client from the backing store into the graphics resource; and
means for clearing the graphics hardware semaphore to resolve the conflict.

46. (Currently Amended) A method of execution by a graphics kernel, comprising:

- detecting a conflict if a graphics resource has been reused;
- resolving the conflict by inserting a reference to a graphics hardware semaphore before a command is received from a graphics client; and
- interleaving ~~the~~ processing of a set of command buffers from different graphics clients using the graphics hardware semaphore.